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MEMORANDUM: The Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Preparation for Thursday, 19 October, Meeting
with NIOs on Arms Control Monitoring

1. Attached are the updates to the tables (numbered 1, 2, & 3) on Arms Control Monitoring.

2. For the NIO meeting, procedurally I recommend

a. You open the meeting with a brief statement of the purpose of this exercise along the following lines:

(1) [REDACTED]

- (a) Indicate problem areas
- (b) Anticipate weaknesses in agreements
- (c) Show impact of monitoring
- (d) Bolster collection needs

(2) Bring out issues for policymakers
-Prepare for testimony on Hill

(3) Resolve Community disagreements

b. Howie then chime in with a statement to set the theme along the following lines:

- (1) Intent of charts is to display agreements under consideration
 - Recognize data compressed but magnitude of treaties force need to focus
 - Charts are only coordinated within NFAC; need to go to Intelligence Community, but, are we ready?

3. The attached table will be available for you to use to address any of the concerns expressed by interested parties. But with the concerns noted, the discussion could continue with

- Appreciate the difficulty and delicacy of this, but
- Essential that we put the various weaknesses into perspective

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-So let's talk in detail about what these assessments might mean to a policymaker.

Hopefully we will then focus on a discussion of the implications of these weaknesses. As a starting point an additional table is attached listing some possible implications.



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Attachments

cc: DD/NEA
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CONCERNS EXPRESSED ON ARMS CONTROL MONITORING

Significant Concerns:

-Some of the noted weaknesses are hypothetical or projected
[redacted] and thus evaluations are even more hypothetical

-Comparability of data across negotiations, difficult to evaluate
& judgmental

[redacted]

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-Some of the provisions noted have not been addressed by the
community before
e.g. no consensus yet on capability [redacted]

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-Monitoring effort eating up resources both analytical &
collection -- when agreements become negotiated, additional use
of both will cause monitoring to deteriorate

-Uncertainty level [redacted] not addressed by community before

Minor Concerns:

-Because negot. are on-going charts should be updated prior
to each use

-Compression of info could be misleading; recommend distribution
be limited to DCI to prevent misuse

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